

EQIP Approved Land Uses, Resource Concerns, and Conservation Practices to Support The 2017 Kansas Wildfire Initiative

Approved Land Use

- Range, Crop, Forest, Farmstead

Primary Resource Concerns

- Degraded Plant Condition–Inadequate Structure and Composition (Range)
- Degraded Plant Condition–Excessive Plant Pest Pressure (Range)
- Degraded Plant Condition–Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health (Range)
- Degraded Plant Condition–Undesirable Plant Productivity and Health (Forest)
- Livestock Production Limitation–Inadequate Livestock Water (Range)
- Inadequate Habitat for Fish and Wildlife–Habitat Degradation (Range)
- Soil Erosion–Wind (Range and Cropland)

Additional Requirements

- On native range, the unit of concern will be converted to a grazing plan during the life of the contract that will achieve 50 percent less use for the year on the key forage species in identified grazing areas.
- On native range, producer will implement a monitoring system using grazing exclusion cages approved by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) that will verify the degree of use of the key forage species in identified key grazing areas, in the defined or planned grazing system, for the life of the contract.

Approved Conservation Practices

- 112 – Prescribed Burning Plan
- 314 – Brush Management
- 315 – Herbaceous Weed Control
- 328 – Conservation Crop Rotation
- 329 – Residue and Tillage Management/No-Till
- 338 – Prescribed Burning
- 382 – Fence
- 340 – Cover Crop
- 342 – Critical Area Planting
- 378 – Pond
- 380 – Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment
- 384 – Woody Residue Treatment
- 394 – Firebreak
- 466 – Land Smoothing
- 516 – Livestock Pipeline
- 533 – Pumping Plant
- 528 – Prescribed Grazing
- 550 – Range Planting
- 574 – Spring Development

642 – Water Well
614 – Watering Facility
650 – Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation

Application Ranking Priority

Eligible applications be prioritized using the following criteria:

- **High Priority**–Eligible applications scheduling financially assisted conservation practice (CP) 528–Prescribed Grazing for 3 years on native range and expired Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).
- **Medium Priority**–Eligible application addressing Livestock Production Limitation–Inadequate Livestock Water resource concern on native range and expired CRP.
- **Low Priority**–All other eligible applications.

National Ranking Questions

See Kansas Bulletin KS300-17-8–Environmental Quality Incentives Program–Ranking Process–National Priorities.

State Ranking Questions

1. Answer the following question if the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP). The agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category.
 - a. Is the program application to support the development of a CAP for Prescribed Burning? If the answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other state level questions. If the answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section. (400 points)
2. Answer each of the following questions related to financially assisted conservation practices in the application.
 - a. Application includes financially assisted practices that address wind erosion concerns on rangeland. (200 points)
 - b. Application includes financially assisted practices that address inadequate livestock water needs. (100 points)
 - c. Application includes financial assistance for Conservation Practice (CP) 314–Brush Management. (50 points)
 - d. Application provides financial assistance for CP 384–Woody Residue Treatment. (50 points)

Local Ranking Question

1. Is the program application to support the development of a CAP for a prescribed burn? If answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other local level questions. If the answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section. (250 points)
2. CP 528—Prescribed Grazing is a financially assisted practice in the application. (100 points)
3. The offered area has an approved prescribed burn plan, meeting NRCS standard and specification, at the time of application. (50 points)
4. Boundary fences will be installed around expired Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acreage. (100 points)